

the invasive cane toad on the endemic fauna of the Kimberley region.

Just as important as Rick's direct contributions, has been his mentoring of more than 50 research students, and his encouragement of amateur reptile enthusiasts. By giving frequent talks at local community group meetings, he has provided inspiration and guidance to younger members of the reptile-enthusiast community. Many of his former students have attained responsible positions in Australian universities and museums, greatly expanding his influence on Australian herpetology.

Rick Shine has contributed prolifically to popular magazines and appeared, literally, hundreds of times on radio and television shows to promote an understanding of the natural history of the Australian reptile fauna. Stories and

interviews about his research have appeared in every major Australian newspaper over the last few years, on most major television stations, and on many national and local radio stations.

Professor Shine's enthusiasm for communicating with the general public has contributed enormously to the rapprochement that is continuing to build between Australians and components of their native fauna that previously were feared, hated or neglected. He has been an extremely influential figure in studying and publicising the natural history of Australian reptiles.

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